

NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—For Auctions see third page
and California steamers see seventh.

To Correspondents.

Free Academies—(W. R.)—To print your suggestions at this time would prejudice the maintenance of the Free Schools.

The Tribune.—Your question cannot be answered without a knowledge of the Constitution of the community you have in view; and then it is a lawyer's or judge's business, not an editor's to tell you what the law of the case prescribes.

Speaking the Truth—(W. R.)—Ourselves, so narrow and thronged a school as Boston ought not to be obstructed by bales or boxes; but if you who are aggrieved, won't make a complaint to the Corporation Attorney, who do you suppose?

Abolitionists—We cannot make room for answers to all the blustering hostility in Land Reform in the Hunker journals. They do no harm. Better that they talk truly than keep silence on the great question.

The reader who fails to pursue carefully our verbatim report of the able paper read before the Scientific Convention, by E. GEORGE SQUIER, Charge to Central America, will miss a rare treat. We seldom have the pleasure of presenting a more interesting document.

In Congress, Yesterday.

The SENATE had the Fugitive Slave Bill up and Mr. UNDERWOOD of Ky. offered a substitute for the bill which was discussed by several Senators, but no vote was taken.

In the HOUSE Mr. ELIOT, the new member from Boston, appeared, and took the oath of office. The Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole. Several amendments were considered and adopted, and the Committee rose and the House adjourned without a final disposition of the bill.

The Old VIRGINIA yesterday entered upon a new and more hopeful era of her history, by electing a Reform Constitutional Convention.

For more than half a century the fountain of party Democracy, she has cherished institutions based on British Aristocracy as it existed a century ago, and as utterly hostile to genuine Democracy as could be imagined.

A Legislature so constituted that three-eighths of the voters could always control it—the Right of Suffrage based on Property, and giving several votes to a rich man and none to a poor one—a Governor elected by the Legislature, and nearly every functionary either chosen by the Legislature or appointed by the Governor and Council—such is the inside of the white sepulchre inscribed ‘the Mother of Democracy.’ All this is about to be changed. A Free Basis, Universal Suffrage, Election of Governor, Judges, Sheriffs, &c. by the People—such are among the Reforms which the Convention just chosen will assemble to inaugurate. And Virginia will feel the impulse they are calculated to give. She will stop driving off and selling off her people, and begin to rebuild her waste places. All that she needs beside to secure her rapid reascension to the eminence from which she has gradually descended, is just one more article in her new Constitution, which we fear her Delegates will shrink from the responsibility of inserting, though conscious that it ought to be there. It would read thus:

CART.—THERE SHALL BE NO SLAVERY NOR INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE OF ADULTS EXCEPT FOR CRIME IN THIS STATE AFTER THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY, 1876.

California Frauds.

Our Telegraphic report from Washington alleging the perpetration of extensive frauds by U. S. officers in California is at best blind and blundering, though we suspect there is some truth at the bottom of it. We have no doubt the functionaries more especially pointed at is Col. COLLIER, Collector at San Francisco, (appointed from Steubenville, Ohio, and one of the few Taylor originals in that State) who went to San Francisco overland via Santa Fé last summer, with a very large retinue and at a very large expense, which we presume did not come out of his private pocket. Our private advices from California have led us to expect some sort of explosion in that quarter, though we presume the Col. will stand ready at all times to settle his account as the Courts shall adjust it if he cannot come to an understanding with the Treasury accountants. He is not the man to Swartwout, nor to ‘convey’ in any manner but such as a sharp lawyer would consider allowable and defensible, and we presume the alleged ‘extensive frauds’ amount to this—in his accounts which have reached the Treasury for adjustment, there are such items as \$10,000 per month for the rent of the building used as a custom-house, &c. &c. which rather tend to widen the accountants’ eyes, and which, on reference to Secretary COXWELL, they are directed to disallow, bringing Col. Collier heavily in debt. Hence comes a lawsuit, on the event of which Col. Collier will (we suspect) pay whatever he is adjudged to owe. We suspect a commission will go out to a new Collector for the port of San Francisco by the next steamer. And very probably the natural deadly promptness by a knowledge of the entangled condition of his brother’s accounts with the Department has prompted the refusal of the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury by Hon. John A. Collier of our State.

On one point we will stake whatever Yankee reputation for guessing we may have—viz. that these rumors of defalcation do not touch the character of JACOB B. MOORE, Postmaster at San Francisco. If they do, they slander him most foully.

It will yet be realized that the recent vast and sudden expansion of our Territorial limits is the cause of a long train of mischiefs and disorders. It was the extent of its conquests and possessions that ruined the Roman Republic, and the same influence now endangers our own. An Executive at Washington, on the shores of the Atlantic, never can exercise an efficient and adequate supervision over subordinates on the coasts of the Pacific. It will soon be found necessary to have a Sub-Postmaster General on the Pacific. Treasury and Auditor audit there, &c. &c.—in fact, a distinct executive machinery. And by-and-by it will be realized that an intimate and cordial alliance between the Anglo-Saxon States of the Atlantic and those of the Pacific will be preferable to a community of laws, mails, finance, &c. &c. But we can wait for that.

MAINE.—The Whigs of the 1st (York) District have nominated NATHAN D. APPLETON for Congress. We wish he had a better District.

Those of the 11th (Hancock, Washington and Aroostook) have renominated JARVIS S. PIKE of Caisia. Mr. Pike is one of the ablest and cleverest Whigs this side of sunrise, and bitter enough against the Compromise to deserve the Abolition vote, but we apprehend not to get it. He would make a good Member if elected, and he will make a good run anyhow. We believe he has agreed to canvass the District.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Greensborough Patriot of the 17th, has returns of the vote for Governor from every County, but two of them are majorities only. They sum up—Reid 42,008; Masly 41,265; Reid’s majority 2,945.

INDIANA.—There will be some scrambling for Mr. Bright’s place in the U. S. Senate. Robert Dale Owen and John Pettit, ex M. C. are already announced as candidates, subject to the decision of a Legislative Caucus. John L. Robinson of the Senate also goes in for the post.

LOCO STATE CONVENTION.—Emanuel B. Hart has been chosen to represent the 11th Assembly District in the Syracuse Convention of the 11th proximo, to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Canal Commissioner and Clerk of the Court of Appeals, &c.

KENTUCKY.—Messrs. Granger and Harrison, who were tied in the vote for Representatives from Louisville, have concluded to run the race over again. Sensible.

A correspondent wishes us to disperse the vagabonds who make night hideous at the corner of Greenwich and Cedar Streets. We decline, for Capt. Wiley of the First Ward, who will doubtless look to his engage.

NEWSPAPER ESTABLISHMENTS.—Anybody qualified to edit a good Whig paper, ready to locate in a beautiful section of the West, and willing to pay down two-thirds of its value, for a concern worth \$8,000, may hear of a chance by addressing the Editor of the Tribune. Datto two smaller establishments, worth from \$1,000 to \$2,000 each. Of course, no one need apply who has not both character and means.

MISSOURI.—*Missouri—Congress.*

W. H. Benton	Anti-Benton	Cast.
District III. J. G. Moore	John Miller J. H. Green, Taylor	242
Clark.....	91	277.....251
.....228	293.....777	37
Cooper.....	151	291.....631
.....441	16	736.....991
Bonne.....	604	1102.....564
Lewis.....	190	441.....47
Morgan.....	16	208.....867
Moore.....	356	322.....181
Charlton.....	50	118.....161
Bardolph.....	50	361.....414
Eaton.....	6	61.....67
.....152	49	297.....137
.....149	26	616.....360
Monroe.....	26	619.....307
Shevy.....	114	243.....155
Scotland.....	181	31.....131
15 Counties.....	1,193	5,944.....6,885
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